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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

CONVEYANCE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING STEP

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b), or (c))

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on as ☐ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or  
☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. not yet known  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

- (c) ( ) was described and claimed in PCT International Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. Sec. 1.56(a).

- ( ) In compliance with this duty there is attached an information  
disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

#### PRIORITY CLAIM - I

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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- (d) ( ) no such applications have been filed.  
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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
<u>Japan</u>	<u>2003-015888</u>	<u>January 24, 2003</u>	<u>(X) YES NO ( )</u>

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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